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Title: Need to shift some of the Offices of Central Government to Nagpur in view of increasing strain on the infrastructural facilities in Delhi.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): Sir, the tremendous increase in the population of Delhi has put a lot of strain on the infrastructural facilities in the capital. The problem is further accentuated by the increase in the number of Public Sector Undertakings having their corporate offices in the capital. The concentration of all the Central Government offices and its Undertakings besides the growth of slums have created problems of declining environmental quality and inadequate urban infrastructure facilities.

It is, therefore, the utmost need of the hour to reduce pressure on Delhi by shifting some of the offices of the Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings and other bodies not immediately connected with the day-to-day working of the Government to another centrally located place.

Nagpur which is centrally located and having all the basic infrastructure-developed land, ample electric power, good air, road and rail network, trained manpower, modern telecommunication network is the most suitable place for location of these offices.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to shift the offices from Delhi to Nagpur which is also the second capital of Maharashtra.